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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/443,712 for  
METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR COMMUNICATING SIGNALING SYSTEM  
7 (SS7) USER PART MESSAGES AMONG SS7 SIGNALING POINTS (SPs)  
AND INTERNET PROTOCOL (IP) NODES USING SIGNAL TRANSFER  
POINTS (STPs)  
Our File No. 1322/8

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
2. Form PTO/SB/08A (1 page), in duplicate;
3. Copy of cited reference (1 reference);
4. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to us with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office filing stamp thereon.

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, applicants' undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the following references. Copies of the references as well as Form PTO/SB/08A are attached hereto. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

U.S. Patent No. 6,134,235 to Goldman et al. discloses a POTS/packet bridge.

Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

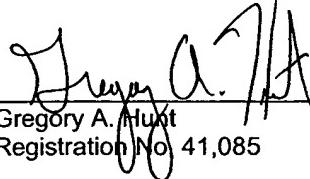
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